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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ACCESSING INTERACTIVE MULTIMEDIA INFORMATION OR SERVICES BY TOUCHING HIGHLIGHTED ITEMS ON PHYSICAL DOCUMENTS

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(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

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Examiner

Boris Pesin

Applicant(s)

CARRO, FERNANDO INCERTIS

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to amendment filed 2/27/2004.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-32.
3. The drawings filed on 03 January 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
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3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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9. Other _____.



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SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Eric Petraske on March 19, 2004.

Claims

The application has been amended as follows:

1. Claim 5, Line 1, delete "claims".
2. Claim 8 (Currently amended) The method according to any one of claims 1-5, wherein the physical document is a hard-copy document having any type of physical surface, formed of any material and of any form; and said opto-touch foils is substantially transparent and disposed above said physical document, whereby said document is visible through said opto-touch foil.
3. Claim 12, Line 2, delete "being" and add before "adapted" -- a computer program --.
4. Claim 13, Line 1, delete "placed over or under" and add before "a page" -- aligned with --.
5. Claim 16, Line 17, delete "over or under" and add before "the page" -- with --.
6. Claim 21 (Currently amended) The method according to any one of claims 16 to 20, wherein the physical document is a hard-copy document having any type of physical

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surface, formed of any material and of any form; and said opto-touch foils is substantially transparent and disposed above said physical document, whereby said document is visible through said opto-touch foil.

7. Claim 23, Line 5, delete "such as title, author, date"
8. Claim 25, Line 20, delete "over or under" and add before "the page"
-- with --.
9. Claim 26, Line 1, add -- according to claim 25, -- before "comprising"
Line 3, delete "placed over or under", add before "a page"
-- aligned with --
Line 5, delete "a user system according to claim 25"
10. Claim 27, Line 2, add before "and comprises"

b3 --; is disposed over said page of a physical document; --

11. Claim 28 (Currently amended) A computer program comprising computer readable instructions for carrying out the method ~~according to claim 16~~ comprising the steps of:

b4 creating hyperlinks, by touching hyperlinked items on a physical document, for a user system;

creating a hyperlink table for a physical document;
said physical document comprising one or a plurality of pages;
receiving and storing in said hyperlink table an identification of the physical document; and
for each page of said physical document;

receiving and storing in said hyperlink table an identification of the page
and an identification of hyperlinked items defined by the user on said page;
receiving and storing in said hyperlink table identification and location of
information or service associated with each defined hyperlinked item;
determining the position of points pressed on an opto-touch foil: said opto-
touch foil being placed and aligned with the page of the physical document: said
opto-touch foil being pressed at points corresponding to the position of said of
said defined hyperlinked items; and
storing the position of the points pressed in the hyperlink table, said
hyperlink table comprising for each hyperlinked item, an indication of its position
on the page.

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12. Claim 29 (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied therein for causing selection and access of information or services, the computer readable program code means in said article of manufacture comprising computer readable program code means for causing a computer to effect a method comprising the steps of: claim1.

selecting and accessing information or services by touching hyperlinked items on
a physical document, said method for use on a user system;
identifying a physical document, said physical document comprising at
least one page;

identifying a page of said physical document, said page comprising one or a plurality of predefined hyperlinked items;

identifying position of hyperlinked items comprised in said identified page referring to a hyperlink table associated with said identified document, said hyperlink table comprising for each page of the document, a list of hyperlink items, and for each hyperlink item, an indication of its position on said page; and

sending for visualization on an opto-touch foil, the position of said hyperlinked items, said opto-touch foil being connected to the user system.

B4 13. Replace Claim 30 with;

“An article of manufacture comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied therein for causing creation of hyperlinks, the computer readable program code means in said article of manufacture comprising computer readable program code means for causing a computer to effect ~~the steps of claim 16.~~ creating hyperlinks, by touching hyperlinked items on a physical document, for use in a user system, including the steps of:

creating hyperlinks, by touching hyperlinked items on a physical document, for a user system;

creating a hyperlink table for a physical document;

said physical document comprising one or a plurality of pages;

receiving and storing in said hyperlink table an identification of the physical document; and
for each page of said physical document:
receiving and storing in said hyperlink table an identification of the page and an identification of hyperlinked items defined by the user on said page;
receiving and storing in said hyperlink table identification and location of information or service associated with each defined hyperlinked item;
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determining the position of points pressed on an opto-touch foil: said opto-touch foil being placed and aligned with over or under the page of the physical document: said opto-touch foil being pressed at points corresponding to the position of said of said defined hyperlinked items; and
storing the position of the points pressed in the hyperlink table, said hyperlink table comprising for each hyperlinked item, an indication of its position on the page.

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14. Claim 31 (New) The method according to claim 2, wherein the opto-touch foil is disposed below the physical document; and the physical document is a hard-copy document having any type of physical surface and formed of any material sufficiently flexible to transmit pressure, whereby pressure on said physical document is transmitted therethrough to said opto-touch foil."
15. Claim 32 (New) The method according to claim 16, wherein the opto-touch foil is disposed below the physical document; and

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the physical document is a hard-copy document having any type of physical surface and formed of any material sufficiently flexible to transmit pressure, whereby pressure on said physical document is transmitted therethrough to said opto-touch foil."

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As per independent claims 1, 12, 13, 15, 16, 25, 28, 29, and 30 the claimed invention overcomes the prior art because the prior art does not show "opto-touch foil" in connection with a user system wherein the opto-touch foil is used to display hyperlinked items on the "physical document". Further the prior art does not show a process of identifying a physical document, identifying a page of the document, and identifying the hyperlinks of a page in connection with displaying hyperlinks of the document using an opto-touch technology connected to a user system.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Inquiries

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Boris Pesin whose telephone number is (703) 305-8774. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday except every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid can be reached on (703) 308-0640. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Patent Examiner
March 19, 2004